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Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 19th and 22nd meetings, on 17 and 26 November 2003. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.19 and 22).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the revised budget for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 (A/58/192);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the donation of assets of the Mission to the Government of Timor-Leste (A/58/192/Add.1);

(c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/409).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.16

4. At the 22nd meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Saudi Arabia, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this

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item, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor" (A/C.5/58/L.16).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.16 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor,[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Transitional Administration, the last of which was resolution 1392 (2002) of 31 January 2002, by which the mandate was extended until 20 May 2002,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1410 (2002) of 17 May 2002, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor as of 20 May 2002 for an initial period of twelve months, and its subsequent resolution 1480 (2003) of 19 May 2003, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 20 May 2004,

Recalling further its resolution 54/246 A of 23 December 1999 on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and its subsequent resolutions on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor, the latest of which was resolution 57/327 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission and to the Trust Fund for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the United Nations Mission of

[1] A/58/192 and Add.1.
[2] A/58/409.

Support in East Timor as at 31 October 2003, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 65.5 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only forty-three Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Transitional Administration and the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Revised budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

9. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor the amount of 23,827,500 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, in addition to the amount of 193,337,100 dollars already appropriated for the same period under the terms of resolution 57/327;

Financing of the appropriation

10. *Decides also*, taking into account the amount of 193,337,100 dollars previously apportioned under the terms of its resolution 57/327, to apportion among Member States the amount of 23,827,500 dollars at a monthly rate of 1,985,625 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003 as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002

and for 2004,[3] subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

11. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 539,900 dollars at a monthly rate of 44,991 dollars, representing the additional estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission;

Donation of assets to the Government of Timor-Leste

12. *Approves* the donation of the assets of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor, with a total inventory value of up to 35,262,900 dollars and corresponding residual value of up to 15,879,900 dollars, to the Government of Timor-Leste;

13. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

14. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

15. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

16. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor".

[3] To be adopted by the General Assembly.